

## PLOT CHARGE DENIAL MADE BY EMBASSY

Statement Concerning Story That Austrian Counsels Are Mixed Up in Deals Given Out at Washington.

**DR. GORICAR, AUTHOR BRANDED AS TRAITOR**

Former Agent of Franz Josef Government Said to be in League With Russ and Serbian Officials.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—A profound sensation was caused in Washington today by the latest development in the pro-German and pro-Austrian propaganda situation—the statement published in the Providence, R. I., Journal of Dr. Joseph Goricar, former Austro-Hungarian consul at San Francisco, that all Austrian consuls in this country are mixed up in the creation of strikes and destruction of munition plants and that Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and Consul General von Nuber are directing their movements.

The charges made by Dr. Goricar, if the allegations are proven, officials intimated a sensation far bigger than the one caused by the request for the recall of Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungarian ambassador, will be sprung.

The Austro-Hungarian embassy later issued the following statement: "Ex-consul Dr. Goricar, formerly at San Francisco, has been on leave of absence at the time of the outbreak of the war and then has been temporarily attached to the Austro-Hungarian consulate-general in Berlin, Germany. There, very soon afterwards, he obtained knowledge that the Austro-Hungarian authorities had received information about his secret connections with the enemies of Austria-Hungary and evidently fearing detection he suddenly left his post without permission and disappeared. Later on it was learned that he had gone to Italy and was staying in Rome where he tendered his resignation, thereby preventing his dismissal."

"While in Rome it was discovered that he was in close relation with Russian and Serbian agents, obviously with the purpose of going to the United States to use his knowledge of the centers of Slavic immigration coming from the monarchy in the service of the Pan-Slavic propaganda and with the intent of disseminating disloyalty among our immigrant against their country of birth. The Austro-Hungarian embassy has been informed that quite a number of southern Slavs from the monarchy have been enlisted by the agents of the allies and left this country in order to fight against the Austro-Hungarian army."

It is very probable that Dr. Goricar's subversive activity contributed to these very regrettable acts of treason which certainly without changing the outcome of the war, will be of the gravest consequences for those who will be made prisoners of war.

"The Austro-Hungarian embassy was informed several months ago of Dr. Goricar's seditious propaganda carried on in this country but, being trained until now from taking counter measures, being aware of the disgrace brought about by the fact that a former consular officer has broken in such a way, the faith and allegiance to his fatherland. In view, however, of these present statements made to the press which contain the strongest accusation against the representatives of Austria-Hungary, the embassy must emphatically declare these accusations as false and absolutely baseless as at present, otherwise would be taken as acknowledgment and would create the belief that our consulates are actually engaged in activities in violating the laws of this country."

**FEAR BOMB WILL REACH FATAL SPOT**

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Federal officials entrusted with the preservation of the neutrality of the United States, are daily becoming more gravely concerned over the series of mysterious fires and accidents that are taking place in the munition factories of the country. It was thought, that following the arrest of "Lieut." Robert Fay and his associates in New York, the way had been opened to arresting participants in a nation-wide conspiracy, and to end the campaign of explosions and fires. The contrary has been the effect.

## WOMAN ENDS LIFE; TURNS ON GAS JETS

Body is Found in Kitchen by Husband at 5 O'clock Friday Morning.

Despondent over some unknown cause, Mrs. Cora J. Smith, 43 years old, 1428 Florence av., committed suicide by inhaling gas sometime after midnight Friday. She was found in the kitchen by her husband, James E. Smith, shortly before 5 o'clock Friday morning.

All of the burners in a gas stove and the light jet had been turned on by Mrs. Smith. She was found lying on the floor by her husband after he had been awakened by the smell of gas, and apparently had been dead for some time. The police ambulance was called, but it was useless to apply a pulmonary.

The woman had been despondent for the past few days, but her husband did not know the cause.

Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ellen Groover, the following children, Elmer Joseph E., Charles T., Garth Leroy, Ethel Lucille, all at home, and Elmer in Dakota, a brother, Fred Groover, and two sisters in New York. She was born on Aug. 14, 1872.

The funeral will be held at Cruikshank.

## ACTOR IN CLOSE CALL

Chair Barely Misses Friendly Johnson During Rehearsal.

Postponement of the play "A Proposal Under Difficulties" to be presented this evening at the high school, was almost made necessary Thursday night at the dress rehearsal, when a heavy chair which had been hoisted to the flies, fell, narrowly missing Friendly Johnson, who takes the leading role.

The chair had been insecurely fastened and at the point where Mr. Johnson, a suitor for the hand of the fair lady, attempts to eject another suitor from the room, the chair came down just grazing Mr. Johnson's shoulder. The rehearsal was stopped for a moment but continued when it was found that none had been seriously injured.

## FIRE REPORT IS GIVEN

Department Made 33 Calls During Month of October.

The report of the fire department for October was approved by the board of safety during the Friday morning session. The report shows a total of 33 fires during the month with an estimated loss on buildings and contents \$11,380 while property valued at \$63,193 was at risk. One hundred and fifteen fires were made and 214 miles traveled by the department while 16,200 feet of hose were laid. There were 1331 gallons of chemical used and 726 feet of ladder raised. There was one false alarm, nine box alarms and 24 still alarms, answered during the month. Salary expenses of the department amounted to \$5,105.42 and incidental expenses \$1,091.45.

## BULL DOGS IN DEMAND

Theft of Two Terriers is Reported to Police.

"Snookums," the brindle Boston bull terrier belonging to Bert Annis, sample room proprietor at 107 E. Washington av., is missing and the owner believes the dog has been stolen. The loss has been reported to the police and a search is being made for the animal, which is valued highly.

The Elkhart police have also notified the local department that a valuable dog, a black and white terrier, was stolen there Thursday by persons in a Ford automobile who came to South Bend. According to information secured by the Elkhart police, the dog escaped from the automobile near the corner of Sample st. and Lincoln way E., and cannot be located.

## LOCAL MEN WITNESSES

Testify in Grand Jury Hearing at Indianapolis.

Ser. Detective William Barnhart and Officers Floyd Stull and James Cutting testified before the federal grand jury at Indianapolis Friday in the case of Robert Dilley of Berrien Springs, Mich., who was arrested here some time ago for entering a night trunk freight car and stolen interstate merchandise. Officer Stull arrested Dilley and the two other officers participated in the capture of the man and location of the stolen goods.

Dilley has already spent 10 of his 28 years of life behind prison bars, having served terms in the Michigan state prison, the Ohio state prison, and the Detroit workhouse.

## DR. LENT WILL SPEAK

Will Address Members of Perley Civic Tonight.

Dr. E. J. Lent will talk to the members of the Perley Civic club on "Care of Eyes, Nose, Ears and Throat" at a meeting to be held at the school tonight. Other numbers of the program follow: Piano solo, Norma Willis; recitation, John Kehler; vocal duet, Miss Mable Wise and Miss Florence Hosler, accompanied by Miss Louis Froelich; recitation, Miss Mildred Sutter; piano solo, Miss Matilda Christman; reading, Miss Helen Selms; singing, Orpheus orchestra, H. F. Haverstock, leader.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

William L. Brown (colored), porter, Chicago; Hattie Smith (colored), cook, Evanston, Ill.  
James A. Bottorff, laborer; Pearl Myers.  
Thomas Doukita, machinist; Joseph Chousiel.  
John Pawlak, laborer; Jesse Pravat, seamstress.

## ITALY WILL SEND TROOPS TO BALKANS

Milan Dispatch Says Country Has Agreed to Rush Sufficient Forces to Insure Success of Allies.

**BULGARIANS DEFEATED IN SOUTHERN SERBIA**

Said to Have Requested an Armistice to Enable Them to Bury Their Dead. Using Krupp Guns.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Austro-German troops have penetrated 100 miles into Serbia. West of Nish, the Austro-German forces are attacking the mountain strongholds of the Serbs.

According to the Serbian war office, the Teutonic invasion of Serbia has been checked.

A Central News dispatch from Milan states that the Bulgarians have agreed to give the allies sufficient support in the Balkans to insure complete triumph. This telegram, which was passed by the Italian censor, indicates that Italy will put a big army in the field to help the Serbians.

The situation in southern Serbia, where the Bulgarians are at grips with the Anglo-French forces is still marked by furious fighting.

An Athens dispatch to the Star states that the Bulgarians south of Velez (Koprulje) have been decisively defeated by the French. So heavy were the losses of the Bulgarians that they requested an armistice to enable them to bury their dead.

French Take Village.

In the Krivolak sector, on the Nish-Salonika railway, the French have taken the village of Sirocovo. English and French soldiers who are fighting the Bulgarians on the Strumitza station-Krivilak-Javor line, say that King Ferdinand's men are using great amount of German ammunition and that they are well equipped with Krupp guns.

A Bucharest dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that the Anglo-French forces have occupied Gradsko in southeastern Serbia.

Bulgaria is calling more troops to the colors as a result of the great numbers of Anglo-French reinforcements which are continually arriving at Salonika.

The Berne correspondent of the Morning Post reports that Bulgaria has called up all males between 20 and 40 years old who have hitherto been exempt from service for one reason or another. The classes between 1895 and 1915, both at home and abroad, have also been called to the colors.

**CRITICISM IS DEADLY**

Negro Who Discussed Women's Styles Pays With Life.

BRIDGEPORT, Miss., Nov. 12.—Criticizing the prevailing styles in dress worn by white women cost the life of John Taylor, a negro.

Taylor voiced his views on white women's clothes in a barber shop yesterday. Some time last night he was caught by a band of masked men and lynched. His body was found hanging to a tree today.

## PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED

Greece Will Hold General Elections on Dec. 19.

ATHENS, Nov. 12.—A decree dissolving parliament was published today. General elections will be held on Dec. 19. News of the dissolution of parliament was received calmly by the people.

## ELEVEN KNOWN DEAD AS CYCLONE RESULT

GREAT BEND, Kans., Nov. 12.—Eight dead in Great Bend, two in Larned and one in Udall are the known fatalities as the result of Wednesday night's cyclone which swept this section of the country. Of the injured in Great Bend, two others are not expected to survive their injuries.

## IN FOR A TRIMMING.



## TO CONTROL ALL FOOD

Maximum Prices Will be Set in Austria and Germany.

BERLIN, Nov. 12.—Absolute control of all food supplies by the government in Austria-Hungary, as well as Germany, is expected to result from the conferences between Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor for Germany, and Baron Burian, the Austrian foreign minister.

Announcement was made here today that food stuffs of every description will be under control of the government and the chancellor will also make public a list of maximum prices shortly, showing what grocers, meat dealers and others may charge.

The rich as well as the poor will be subject to their food restrictions. The man with millions will pay the same prices as the day laborer and he will get no more than his less fortunate brothers.

## OPPOSED TO MRS. STIMSON

Eleventh District Members of League Favor Her Resignation.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Nov. 12.—The movement of the board of directors of the Indiana Franchise league to oust Mrs. S. C. Stimson of Terre Haute from membership in that body was one step nearer success today as a result of a resolution adopted by the eleventh district members upholding the state board's action.

Mrs. Esta Robuck of Wabash, also an anti-Stimson member, was chosen district chairman.

## HE CHANGED HIS MIND

Special To The News-Times.

LAPORTE, Ind., Nov. 12.—Until John P. O'Brien saw Elizabeth Freeland of Chesterton he was a sworn bachelor. After that he was determined to marry the young woman and has succeeded. O'Brien is 50 years old, a veteran conductor of the Lake Shore, and has a varied life. One day when his train stopped near the Freeland farm, he chanced to meet the young woman and the courtship followed. Mr. O'Brien is 30 years old.

## Silver Lining Appears at High;

Team Will Play Goshen Saturday

Football teams representing the local and Goshen high schools will clash Saturday afternoon at Oliver field at 2:30 o'clock.

This announcement was made at the high school Friday morning following a conference in which Prin. Sims, E. J. Kizer, head of the board of control, Coach C. A. Metzler and the members of the local football team took part.

The meeting was the climax of a series of difficulties that arose last Saturday when it is alleged several members of the team kept a local student from escorting a Niles girl to her home after he had taken her to the football game.

An apology was demanded. The players refused, but several members of the team agreed that they were responsible. The team then demanded an apology for the reflections cast on it as a whole.

Friday afternoon the clouds were darkened considerably when several members of the team failed to put in an appearance for practice. Coach Metzler declared to those present that he was through with the team and that the games with Goshen and Elkhart would be called off.

Metzler is employed as director of the gymnasium at the high school and his resignation applied only to the football team.

At the meeting Friday each side got a chance to air their grievances. Metzler said there was lacking a proper spirit about the school and that success could not be gained unless there was more cooperation. He insisted that members of the team had been branded as rowdies and that this was a reflection upon him as their coach.

This afternoon at 2:40 a meeting of the student body was held and plans for a demonstration in order to arouse the school spirit were discussed. It is proposed to make some sort of showing at the game Saturday.

## BIG GUNS READY TO GUARD MANILA

Uncle Sam Now Prepared to Make Strong Resistance in Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The greatest fortifications in the possession of the United States—fortifications that almost parallel Germany's impenetrable Heligoland—located on Corregidor island, commanding the entrance to Manila harbor in the Philippines, have been completed after eight years of labor.

It was learned at the war department today that the ordering home of Lieut. Col. James McIndoe, chief engineer of Manila, means that the real work of fortifying Corregidor island has been completed.

The last big work which Col. McIndoe personally supervised was the placing in position of the great 14-inch guns that will have a range equal to that of the largest guns on the world's biggest battleships.

Next to the 14-inch gun ranks a large number of 12-inch mortars placed advantageously around the island. They hurl projectiles of from 400 to 1,000 pounds each at a velocity of from 1,650 to 1,500 feet a second.

Vast stores of ammunition have been stored on the island and today Uncle Sam is prepared to make a stiff resistance there, no matter how strong the attacking party.

## BRITISH SHIP IS SUNK

Only One Member of Crew of 26 is Reported Saved.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The British steamer Rhineland, 1,501 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine, presumably in the Mediterranean. Only one member of the crew of 26 is reported to have been saved.

## EARLY MORNING FIRE BURNS CANDY PLANT

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Flames in a candy factory at 119 avenue D, early today imperiled more than 400 sleeping men, women and children, and in responding to three alarms, Chief Binn's automobile crashed into a fire patrol truck, brushing three of the crew to the pavement.

The chief's runabout stayed right side up and his driver escaped injury. Both truck and runabout went on to the blaze, although they were damaged.

Cries of "Fire!" aroused people living near the candy factory. So swift was the spread of the flames, which started on the third floor, that the third alarm was turned in by the police before the arrival of the first apparatus.

The damage was \$20,000.

## ANCONA LOSS IS PUT FROM 100 TO 257

Owner of Italian Liner of Opinion That Many Survivors Were Picked Up by Passing Vessels.

**COMPLETE REPORT IS WANTED BY SECY LANSING**

Affidavits of American Survivors Will Be Considered by This Government—Details Not Available.

ROME, Nov. 12.—Reports received by the government commissioner of emigration state that 257 passengers and sailors of the Italian liner Ancona are still unaccounted for and are therefore believed to have perished, but a press dispatch from Naples says the owners of the liner estimate the loss of life at 100.

As several ships subsequently passed the locality in which the Ancona was sunk it is possible that several boats filled with survivors were picked up. If this assumption is correct, it may be several days before all the survivors are reported.

It became known today that the Italian liner Europa, which sailed from New York on Oct. 28, for Naples with 817 Italian reservists abroad had a narrow escape from interception by a hostile submarine. Capt. Raffo was following the usual course in the Mediterranean when he received a warning from an English steamer that a submarine was lying in wait for the Europa.

Changed His Route.

Capt. Raffo was advised to change his route because of the destruction of the Ancona and did so. The Europa arrived safely at Naples, but was 24 hours behind its schedule.

According to a dispatch from Palermo, the Italian liner Anzani had a narrow escape. The wireless operator of this vessel picked up a number of messages which aroused his suspicion that they were being sent by a submarine. He immediately communicated with Capt. Fietti, who changed his course and proceeded to Naples.

The fate of the naturalized American citizens who embarked on the Ancona at Naples is still unknown. Investigation of reports that there were only 10 of them on board showed that yesterday's official report of 26 was correct.

Ten were adults; the remainder were children. It was due to this fact that the error as to the actual number on board arose.

Ambassador Page called at the foreign office last night and conferred for some time with Foreign Minister Sonnino. It was understood that he was acting on instructions from Washington, the United States government having requested information as to whether it was a German submarine that sank the Ancona and as to the fate of the Americans aboard.

Senator Demichellis, the commissioner of emigration, today issued the following statement: "We have learned that Giuseppe Torrisi, a naturalized American citizen, is now safe at Malta. Torrisi's young daughter, Carmela, is missing. The Patavito family of New York, consisting of father, mother and four children, is still missing."

Dr. Cecile L. Griel of New York is believed to be at Biserta."

## AWAIT REPORT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Fragmentary and conflicting reports are all that are as yet being received by the state department telling of the Ancona tragedy. It was expected, however, that within 24 hours, a complete

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## HOLD SHIP TRIED TO ESCAPE SUB

BERLIN (by wireless, via Sayville), Nov. 12.—Berlin newspapers in discussing today the fate of the Italian liner Ancona which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, pointed out that, according to information which is regarded as reliable, the vessel tried to escape.

German newspapers declare that under the circumstances the submarine was perfectly justified in attacking the Ancona.

A particular point is made of the fact that the submarine flew the Austrian flag.